Cottage Des Cedres

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 6

Overview

Set amongst the undulating landscapes of the Lot-et-Garonne, with stunning views of the surrounding orchards, cedar trees and wild woods, Cottage Des Cèdres is a charming holiday cottage in this picturesque region.

The owners have lovingly restored this former barn with sensitivity and style, retaining so many traditional features such as exposed stonework and wood beamed ceilings with contemporary décor and design. Every comfort has been considered from 100% Egyptian cotton linen in all three bedrooms to a sound system and plenty to entertain the family from *boules* to board games.

Outside you can admire the amazing vistas from the exquisite swimming pool or simply enjoy a glass of local wine on your balcony as kids play in the enclosed garden. The gardens are vast and include a 400-year-old Cedar tree dating back to when the main house, the Manoir, was also first built. You'll also find an old watermill by the stream that leads to the River Lot. Prepare a barbecue with goods from the local market as you gather in the evening for wonderful meals on your decked terrace under the starry sky.

Alongside the converted barn, just across from the drive, is the larger Manoir des Cèdres (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/aquitaine/manoir-des-cedres/), sleeping a further fourteen guests with its own private pool, which can be booked independently or together with the Cottage. The owners also live on site with their friendly dog and tend to their surrounding fruit orchards and beautiful grounds. They can cook you amazing meals if you wish, sampling some the most local and delicious produce around.

You can wander through the plum and kiwi orchards to the









local village where you will find a couple of *boulangeries* for your morning pastries, a little supermarket and a café serving lunch in July and August plus a glorious beach on the banks of the River Lot where you can swim and hire boats in the summer months. Explore further afield to idyllic hilltop villages which come alive in the summer evenings with night markets serving amazing food and drinks. This area is well known not only for the delicious fruit but also some of France's most famous vineyards where you can sample the fine wines of the region.

Hire bikes in the local village, play golf or go horse-riding through the magnificent countryside or simply explore some of France's *Plus Beaux Villages* such as Pujols and Monflanquin or cross the border to Dordogne to discover some gems such as Monpazier, Issigeac and beautiful Bergerac, all within an hour.

That said, with such glorious views (you may even spot deer or falcons from your terrace), you don't have to travel far from the cottage to be amazed by this captivating area.

Facilities

Exclusive • Ideal for Kids • Private Pool • Romantic • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Fishing • Golf Nearby • Walking/Hiking Paths • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Horse Riding • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Historical Sites • Cycling • Catering Available • Weddings • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Dry Hire Option • Maid Service Available • Pets on Request • Outdoor Ceremony • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Flexible Catering Options • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • No Corkage • Rural Location • Indoor Reception Available • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Indoor Games • DVD • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Heating • Ceiling Fans • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Board games • Children's books • Climbing frame • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Baby bath • Potty • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds

Cottage Interior

- Living area with sofas, wood-burning stove, TV and DVD player and sliding doors leading to large decked area
- Kitchen-diner, well equipped including gas cooker and hob, microwave, coffee machine, kettle, dishwasher, breakfast bar, two fridges, dining table and reading area. French doors out to small balcony/terrace with table and chairs for 2
- Bedroom with super-king bed (can be made up as a twin), ceiling fan and hairdryer
- Bedroom with king-size bed and ceiling fan (this room has a 'Velux' window)
- Twin bedroom with single beds and ceiling fan
- Shower room with walk-in shower and WC
- Separate WC

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (8mx4m) with security alarm, open approx. April to mid-October
- Pool terrace with six sun-beds
- Balcony/terrace (from dining area) with table and chairs for 2
- Decked terrace with al-fresco dining table for up to 6/8 guests and sun-shade
- Gas BBQ
- Private enclosed garden with lawned area and gazebo
- Wooden climbing frame
- *Boules*
- Table tennis (shared with Manoir des Cèdres guests)
- Laundry room (shared with Manoir des Cèdres guests) with washing machine and hanging facilities
- Parking space

Facilities

- Heating up to 20C
- TV with some English channels
- DVD player and DVDs
- Sound system
- Board games
- *Boules*
- Shared washing machine
- Baby-pack (includes three cots and two higchairs) - *please request at the time of booking*

Air-conditioning is due to be installed for 2027!









Location & Local Information

Located in the Lot-et-Garonne region, you are surrounded by fruit orchards, fields, sunflowers and wild woods. Local wildlife on the vast estate and beyond include deer, wild boar, rabbits, hares, eagles and other birds of prey.

You can wander down the nearby road or through the valley via the kiwi and plum orchards to the local village where you can pick up your breakfast croissants and bread, a large supermarket, delicatessen, two boulangeries and a café open March to October for your morning coffee and drinks plus lunches every day except Mondays and dinners on Friday and Saturdays. You will also find an excellent "haute cuisine" restaurant in the village – advance booking strongly recommended - and some wonderful local produce at the weekly market on a Wednesday morning and from a number of Farm Shops in the surrounding area.

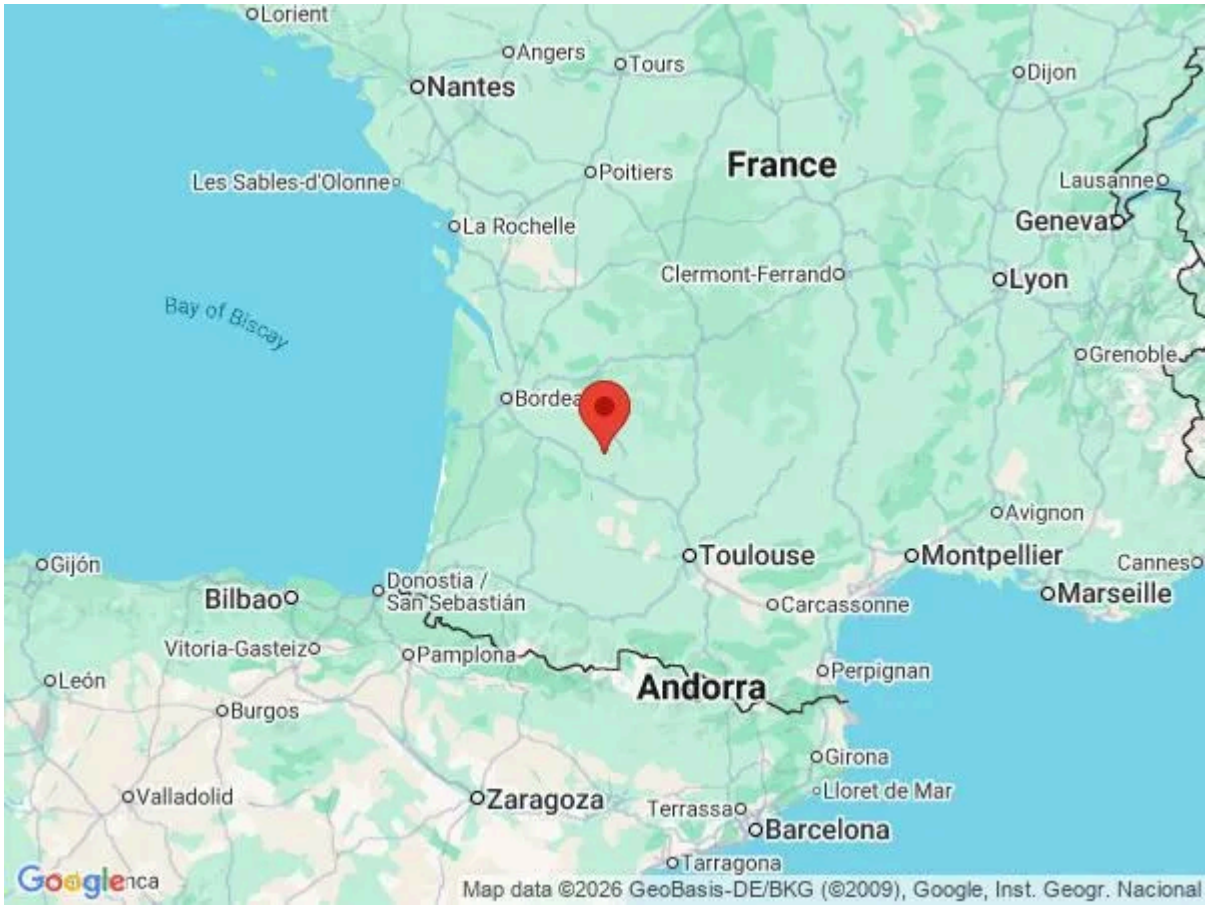
There is also a village beach on the River Lot where you can hire canoes, pedalos and motorboats in the summer months (late June to early September) and a sandy area from which you can swim, sectioned off from the boats.

There are further facilities in the town of Sainte-Livrade-sur-Lot (10km) such as a large supermarket. Follow the river further east towards the ancient bastide town of Villeneuve-sur-Lot (20km) and keen hikers can then follow the hilly route south to the picturesque hilltop village of Pujols (20km), noted as one of France's most Plus Beaux Villages. Penne D'Agenais (31km) with its impressive architecture is also worthy of a visit in this beautiful region and it's worth visiting Agen (34km), an interesting French town which is the most important in this region.

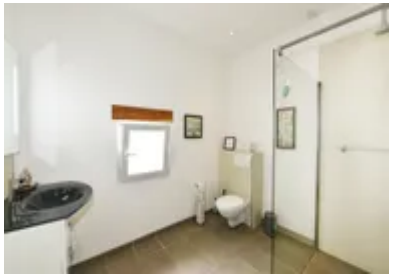
As well as summer boats and bike hire in the nearby village, there are plenty of activities on offer in this area. Golf lovers can tee up at Golf Barthe (12km), just ten minutes by car whilst there are several other golf courses within an hour's drive. You will also find a couple of horse-riding centres within a 30-minute drive and the kids will love visiting the local farm just a ten-minute drive away or head further south to Parc Wallaby amusement park (43km) near Agen.

In the summer you can explore the night markets in charming local villages where local food is sold and cooked for you by local artisans with live music, dancing and plenty of drinks. This area is of course wonderful for some of France's most famous vineyards where you can sample and buy some excellent wines. Not forgetting the amazing fruit that is grown in the region (as well as on the estate); the local plums, Pruneaux D'Agen, are particularly delicious, especially when steeped in the local Armagnac.

Other noteworthy places to visit include Monflanquin (34km), another of France's Plus Beaux Villages, a beautifully preserved bastide town full of medieval character with a great market on a Thursday or cross the border into the magical Dordogne department to Monpazier (55km), one of France's most impressive and stunning villages. The beautiful city of Bergerac (64km) with its famous Maison des Vins can also be visited in a day, possibly combining the visit with the lovely village of Issigeac (50km) with its fantastic weekly market.









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bergerac/Toulouse/Bordeaux (55km/152km/130km)**
Nearest Village	**(1.4km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Sainte-Livrade-sur-Lot (10km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(3km)**
Nearest Beach	**River Beach (1.5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Saint-Livrade/Villeneuve-sur-lot/Tonneins (10km/20km/20km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Barthe (12km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Bilbao/St-Malo (380km/654km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Villeneuve-sur-Lot/Tonneins/Agen (20km/20km/34km)**

What we love

- **Air-conditioning is due to be installed in 2027!**
- Set on a vast fruit estate of plums and kiwis, the surrounding views are just stunning. You may even spot deer, hare or birds of prey
- One of the many cedar trees in the vast gardens is 400 years old!
- You can wander through the orchards to the local village with its little shops, a weekly market and a beach on the River Lot from where you can swim and hire boats in the summer
- Some of France's *Plus Beaux Villages* are within east reach such as nearby Pujols and Monflanquin
- It's only about an hour to some of the Dordogne's most idyllic villages and cities such as Monpazier, Issigeac and Bergerac
- We love the generous welcome pack with homemade and local goodies

What you should know...

- **Air-conditioning is due to be installed in 2027!**
- Up to 6 adults can stay at the cottage (or 4 adults and 2 children)
- The cottage has its own private pool and terrace, even though the estate is shared with the owners and their home, their friendly dog and the large Manoir, Manoir des Cèdres (https://www.oliverstravels.com/france/aquitaine/manoir-des-cedres/), which can also be rented alone or in addition to the cottag
- Guests are in the heart of a thriving fruit farming area
- Despite being so near a village, a car is recommended to explore this wonderful region

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £350.00 to be paid by bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival, refunded 2 weeks after departure subject to a full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m. Earlier check-in may be possible upon request closer to the arrival date, subject to availability. Guests are also welcome to drop off their luggage before the standard check-in time of 5pm.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including pool towels.

- **Pets welcome?:** This property only accepts dogs (no other pets) on request only and with prior agreement with the owner.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, hen/stag parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. The pool is open from approx. April to mid-October (cooler months may not be suitable for swimming). The estate is also shared with the owners' house and their friendly and lively dog who has run of the Manoir's grounds when the owners are at home.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday in July and August. Flexible all other periods.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only (ashtrays provided).

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights between end-May and end-August. 5 nights all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, up to 20C, plus one basket of logs for the wood-burner (the house is generally heated from October to March).